

King County Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

MULTI- JURISDICTIONAL MITGATION PLAN **LETTER OF AGREEMENT**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between King County Office of Emergency Management and the City of North Bend committing the jurisdiction's participation in the process to review, amend, and update a Multi-Jurisdictional Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, formalizing the planning process, and establishing a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee providing for a public involvement process and setting a schedule for completion, pursuant to the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (44 CFR 201.6).

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that for all disasters declared on or after November 1, 2004, local and tribal government applicants for sub-grants following any disaster, must have an approved local mitigation plan in accordance with 44 CFR 201.6 prior to receipt of Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project funding; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires that for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program project funding on or after November 1, 2003, local and tribal government applicants must have an approved local mitigation plan in accordance with 44 CFR 201.6 prior to receipt of project funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of North Bend in partnership with other entities including King County, is participating in the review, amend, and update of an existing Multi-Jurisdictional Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the local mitigation plan represents the commitment of jurisdictions to reduce risks from multiple hazards, serving as a guide for decision makers as they commit resources to reducing the effects of natural hazards, and is in the public interest to proceed with the multi-jurisdictional grant application and planning process in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, an open public involvement process is essential to the development of an effective plan, and the process will be coordinated with affected jurisdictions, agencies, businesses, academia and other private and non-profit interests in the county to insure a comprehensive approach to mitigating the effects of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, the plan shall include a documentation of the planning process, and a risk assessment that provides the factual basis for activities proposed in the strategy to reduce losses, sufficient to enable each jurisdiction to identify and prioritize appropriate mitigation actions, a detailed mitigation strategy that provides the blueprint for reducing the potential losses identified in the risk assessment, a five-year cycle for plan maintenance, and documentation of formal adoption by each participating jurisdiction; and

THEREFORE, is mutually agreed that

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- 1) The jurisdiction of the City of North Bend authorizes participation in a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan review, amend, and update process;
- 2) That the planning process be organized to prepare the plan through a Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee composed of public representatives and staff from those jurisdiction departments that will be implementing the majority of the plan's recommendations;
- 3) That the public be involved through invitation to comment during the planning process using a variety of means such as public meetings, public information activities, and written comments;
- 4) That a draft plan will be presented to each jurisdiction for consideration and action;
- 5) That the process be concluded by the end of the grant agreement.

Signature: _____

For: The City of North Bend

Date: _____

Signature: _____

For: King County Office of Emergency Management

Date: _____